

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Achtermann et al.** § Confirmation No.: **9315**
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Serial No.: **09/438,436** § Group Art Unit: **2157**
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Filed: **November 12, 1999** § Examiner: **Todd, Gregory G.**
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For: **Apparatus for Connection** § Attorney Docket No.: **AUS919990655US1**
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Therefor §
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AMENDMENT UNDER C.F.R. § 1.312

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

Proposed amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.